

**VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSISTANCE (VFA) GRANT PROGRAM**  
**Eligible/Ineligible items (Page 1 of 2)**

The following chart is intended to give an idea of items that, based on current interpretation, are and are not eligible for reimbursement by the **Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) Grant program** administered by the Department of Natural Resources. This list is by no means all-inclusive. Any eligibility question(s) should be directed to a FFP/VFA Program Manager (contact information found at the end of this chart).

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<b><i>Eligible Items</i></b>	<b><i>Ineligible Items</i></b>
<b><i>Fire Fighter Safety</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Personnel Accountability System county-wide standard</li> </ul>	<b><i>Fire Fighter Safety</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Personal safety equipment—wildland fire or structural</li> <li>Fire protective clothing—structural or wildland</li> <li>PASS devices</li> <li>Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA)</li> <li>Back cans</li> <li>Filters &amp; replacement filters for breathing apparatus</li> <li>Thermal imaging cameras/devices; fire finder</li> <li>Clothing for HazMat/EMT/Search &amp; Rescue operations</li> </ul>
<b><i>Training</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Videos</li> <li>Wildland and Incident Command System certified training and tuition for attending classes</li> <li>Multi-media Projectors/Screens — up to a maximum of \$1,500 (\$750 in grant funds)</li> <li>Speaker Fees</li> <li>Software and computers up to maximum of \$1,000 (\$500 in grant funds) that support county-wide training objectives</li> <li>Digital Camera -- up to maximum of \$500 (\$250 in grant funds)</li> <li>DVD</li> </ul>	<b><i>Training</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Non-Structural and non-Wildland fire training</li> <li>Forcible entry wall</li> <li>Fire training tower/splashboard</li> <li>LP Gas Training Simulator/Training</li> <li>Video camera</li> <li>VCRs, TV</li> <li>Home theater systems</li> </ul>
<b><i>Prevention/Wildland Urban Interface</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Posters</li> <li>Handouts</li> <li>Urban interface videos and brochures</li> <li>Firewise materials</li> <li>Fire Safety Trailer with WUI considerations</li> <li>"Take Smokey Home" project</li> </ul>	<b><i>Prevention/Wildland Urban Interface</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Smoke detectors</li> </ul>
<b><i>Dry Hydrants/Water Resources</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dry hydrants and equipment for and installation of dry hydrants (includes culverts for close access)</li> <li>Adapters to match appropriate portable pump suction hose</li> </ul> <p>To learn more about what is needed in order to apply for a dry hydrant, visit DNR's website:  <a href="http://dnr.wi.gov/org/water/fhp/waterway/dryhydrants.shtml">http://dnr.wi.gov/org/water/fhp/waterway/dryhydrants.shtml</a>  Note: If awarded a grant, reimbursement costs for dry hydrant installation will only be authorized if appropriate documentation (exemption letter, permit approval, or landowner letter) is submitted by the grantee.</p>	<b><i>Dry Hydrants/Water Resources</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hydrants for city water</li> <li>Repair and/or maintenance of existing dry hydrants</li> <li>Underground water tank</li> <li>Well</li> <li>Legal Fees for easements</li> </ul>
<b><i>Mapping</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Zone Maps</li> <li>Maps of High Hazards</li> <li>Platbooks</li> <li>ArcView Software</li> <li>Water Resources Maps</li> </ul>	<b><i>Mapping</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PDA (Personal Digital Assistant)</li> </ul>

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<b><i>Communications</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Installation/programming/reprogramming fees for fire dept vehicles</li> <li>• Base station and repeater towers; moving of repeater towers</li> <li>• Back up power systems at radio tower sites to include solar panels</li> </ul>	<b><i>Communications</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chargers</li> <li>• Carrying cases</li> <li>• Back up power systems at dispatch center</li> <li>• Replacement batteries for radios and pagers</li> <li>• Fax machines</li> <li>• Mobile phones and related charges</li> <li>• Maintenance of existing towers</li> </ul>
<b><i>Equipment</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pumps for use on county-wide basis</li> <li>• Class A foam (<b>USDA Approved</b>)/foam equipment</li> <li>• Tool (cache) hauling trailer (in Wisconsin a trailer <u>and</u> load that exceeds 3,000 pounds must be licensed as a vehicle with the Dept. of Transportation)</li> <li>• Wildland fire handtools and equipment for county-wide tool cache or trailer</li> </ul>	<b><i>Equipment</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The purchase of vehicles of any kind</li> <li>• The purchase of buildings regardless of size or cost</li> <li>• Any foam <b>not USDA approved</b></li> <li>• Class B Foam</li> <li>• Equipment for HazMat/EMT/Search &amp; rescue operations</li> <li>• Body work and refurbishing of any vehicle</li> <li>• Underground water tank</li> <li>• Hose</li> <li>• Structural tools and equipment</li> <li>• Portable pumps, slip-on units, hose and suppression tools to outfit 4x4 vehicles</li> <li>• Portable generators</li> <li>• Portable Tanks – maximum capacity 4,000 gal.</li> </ul>
<b><i>Organization: New Fire Department Start-Up Efforts (first three years only)</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Refer to Forest Fire Protection (FFP) Priority Categories &amp; Eligible items list</li> </ul>	<b><i>Organization: New Fire Department Start-Up Efforts (first three years only)</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Refer to Forest Fire Protection (FFP) Priority Categories &amp; Ineligible items list</li> <li>• Legal Fees</li> </ul>
<b><i>Eligible Project Costs</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Freight/shipping charges</li> <li>• Quotes/bids publication notice costs</li> <li>• Eligible costs for items <b>purchased and received during the project period</b></li> <li>• Eligible costs for <b>services rendered during the project period</b></li> <li>• Paid from the grantee's account or that of a member of the county or area fire association</li> </ul>	<b><i>Ineligible Project Costs</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sales tax</li> <li>• Costs of items purchased and received and for services rendered <b>before or after</b> the project period</li> <li>• Items purchased from an account other than that of the grantee or its membership</li> <li>• Donated or in-kind labor, materials or equipment</li> <li>• Items for which payment has been or will be received under another federal financial assistance program</li> <li>• Costs incurred in a contract which creates a real or apparent conflict of interest</li> </ul>

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